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Dear John:

I appreciate your letter of June 30 expressing your concern for Dr. Maximo Eduardo Jaroslavsky.

We have been concerned about Dr. Jaroslavsky's case for some time. Our Embassy in Buenos Aires has expressed this concern to the Government of Argentina on several occasions and has made formal inquiries to the Argentine Foreign Office Working Group on Human Rights in his behalf. Unfortunately, the Working Group has notified the Embassy that they have no record of his whereabouts. The Embassy is continuing to monitor this case, however, and we will forward any information we receive to you. Embassy officials are also in contact with Dr. Jaroslavsky's mother.

As you know, we have been deeply concerned about the large number of disappearances and other human rights abuses in Argentina, and repeatedly have expressed these concerns to the Government at the highest levels.

We have also taken a number of actions to convey to the Argentines how strongly committed we are to human rights--grant military training for Argentina has been withdrawn, arms sales have been held back, and we have linked our vote in the International Financial Institutions to the Argentine record on human rights. We have clearly indicated that an improvement in human rights practices is essential to a continuation of

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good bilateral relations. Approval of any new assistance programs will depend on substantial human rights improvements. In fact, the Congress has legislated, as part of the Foreign Assistance Act, that, beginning October 1, there will be no new arms transfers to Argentina without major human rights improvements.

I regret that the information we have on Dr. Jaroslavsky at this time is not more encouraging, but I share your hope that more positive information will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

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